

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nevada County Transportation Commission

FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report for the June 16, 2004 NCTC Meeting

DATE: June 11, 2004

1. IDAHO-MARYLAND ROAD/EAST MAIN STREET – COLFAX AVENUE/SOUTH AUBURN STREET FRONTAGE ROAD PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Subsequent to completing graphics for the various proposed improvements and cost estimates for construction costs, Bickett Engineering is now doing survey work on the Bennett Street off-ramp that will be needed to refine the design of the proposed widening of that ramp. Bickett Engineering has also provided a scope of work to move the project through all phases of development and approval to a point where the project will be ready to put out to bid. The cost of that proposal is approximately \$948,000. Bickett Engineering also submitted a cost proposal to move the project through the completion of Project Approval and Environmental Documentation (PA/ED). The City of Grass Valley at that point could then determine how to proceed with final design and construction engineering. The cost of the PA/ED proposal was approximately \$504,000.

The Nevada County Transportation Commission's (NCTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed both of these cost proposals, and it was the consensus of the TAC members that the cost of both proposals was in excess of what would be prudent to award on a sole source contract. Therefore, it was recommended that Bickett Engineering reduce the scope of their work to move the project forward to the completion of a Project Study Report (PSR) so that Caltrans could approve the traffic concepts.

While this work is being done, the City of Grass Valley will have time to review their ability to fund the project and to determine how it would like to proceed with completion of the project development process. Bickett Engineering is currently preparing the proposal to complete the PSR. It is expected that the cost of completing the PSR will be approximately \$100,000, and the proposal will be presented to the NCTC at their July meeting.

2. NEVADA CITY/NEVADA COUNTY BOULDER STREET/RED DOG ROAD TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

At our June 2nd TAC meeting, we reviewed preliminary data prepared by Grant Johnson of PRISM Engineering. Mr. Johnson is now incorporating comments from the TAC and adding additional future year projections to his analysis. Mr. Johnson expects to complete his work by June 25th.

3. SR 49 WIDENING WOLF/COMBIE ROAD TO GRASS VALLEY

Attached to this report are copies of the most recent maps (7 pages) prepared by Caltrans showing how the design for widening the SR 49 will fit with the local road network.

4. NCTC PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULE CHART

Attached to this report is a chart prepared by staff showing the work schedule and status of five significant projects:

- Dorsey Drive Interchange
- SR 49 Widening (Placer County to Wolf/Combie Road)
- SR 49 Widening (Wolf/Combie Road to Grass Valley)
- Idaho-Maryland Road/East Main Street-Colfax Avenue/South Auburn Street Frontage Road Improvements
- I-80/SR 89 Truckee Roundabouts

This chart has proven to be a useful tool in providing information to the public. This chart differs slightly from a previous chart in that the draft negative declaration for the Dorsey Drive Interchange is shown as being completed in December 2005. The previous chart showed the negative declaration being completed in December 2004. However, I learned that the 2004 date is the start of the draft negative declaration, and it will be completed in December of 2005.

attachments